



City of Pacific Grove

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CLOSURE OF LOVERS POINT PARK AND BEACHES TO SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING PROHIBITIONS

Pacific Grove, California:

To minimize the impacts of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on park patrons, the City of Pacific Grove implemented a closure of Lovers Point Park and Beaches expected to reinforce social distancing and reduce large public gatherings. These measures are in alignment with the State of California Department of Health Stay-at-Home Order, the Monterey County Health Officer Shelter-in-Place Order, and the City of Pacific Grove Proclamation of Local Emergency.

Closures effective Saturday, April 25, 2020 include:

- Lovers Point Park
- Lovers Point Beaches
- Lovers Point Parking

As the weather has become increasingly warmer, the City has seen an influx of visitors to the coastline. Over the past several weeks, the Pacific Grove Police Department conducted public outreach on various platforms and provided warnings for social distancing and shelter-in-place violations. On April 24, 2020 police staff specifically walked the Lovers Point Park and Beaches, issuing verbal warnings to individuals not abiding by the Monterey County Health Officer Shelter-In-Place Order; and posted additional signage reminding visitors of the rules.

On April 25, 2020 Lovers Point Park and Beaches continued to attract visitors to convene and not abide by social distancing standards. Due to public health concerns, Chief Cathy Madalone, with authority from City Manager Ben Harvey, closed Lovers Point Park and Beaches until further notice.

The Pacific Grove Recreational Trail and Ocean View Boulevard remain open and accessible for those practicing social distancing protocols while walking, running and bicycling. For water recreation, other local access points to the ocean are still open and available to the public.

We appreciate our community's understanding and cooperation.
We are all in this together to slow the spread of COVID-19!

For general information about COVID-19, visit www.cityofpg.org/covid19, email pio@cityofpg.org and follow us on social media.